

### **Tax bills mailed on June 15; Residents have three ways to pay**

WEST HARTFORD, CT (June 17, 2020) – On June 15 and 16, 2020, the Tax Office mailed real estate and motor vehicle tax bills to West Hartford property owners. Taxes are due July 1, 2020, without penalty.

In the interest of public health, the Tax and Assessment Offices are closed to in-person transactions. This year, residents have three ways to pay:

1. Online: Go to [westhartfordct.gov/tax](http://westhartfordct.gov/tax) and click on PAY TAXES NOW

E-check transactions are \$0.90; credit/debit card transactions incur a 2.95% fee.

2. By Mail: Return bill with a check payable to Town of West Hartford in the provided self-addressed envelope.
3. Town Hall Drop Box: You may safely drop your envelope in the drop box located left of the Town Hall main entrance.



Need a motor vehicle adjustment? Click here for the [required documents](#). Scan documents or take a picture and email to [whassessment@westhartfordct.gov](mailto:whassessment@westhartfordct.gov).

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If you have questions or need additional assistance, contact the Tax Office by email [westhartfordtax@westhartfordct.gov](mailto:westhartfordtax@westhartfordct.gov) or call (860) 561-7474, extension 4. The Assessment Office can be reached by email at [whassessment@westhartfordct.gov](mailto:whassessment@westhartfordct.gov) or call (860) 561-7414.

Tax and Assessment Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM (until further notice).

In-person transactions are by appointment, only when necessary.

The West Hartford Town Council unanimously adopted a resolution to offer temporary property tax relief to residents and taxpayers on Monday, April 6, 2020.

The Town was one of the first communities in the state to adopt both of the new property tax relief programs made available by the State of Connecticut in response to the pandemic of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”).

### **Tax Deferment Program**

The effect of this program is the equivalent of an extended grace period. The due date of the tax bill is still July 1, 2020. Instead of the last day to pay being August 3, 2020, the last day to pay will be extended to October 1, 2020. All taxpayers approved for the Tax Deferment Program must make payment no later than October 1st, or interest will be charged at the statutory rate of 1.5% per month retroactive to July 1, 2020.

West Hartford is offering this program to “eligible taxpayers,” defined by the State Office of Policy and Management (OPM). [Click here to learn eligibility requirements.](#) Applications due no later than July 1, 2020; [click here.](#)

### **Interest Rate Reduction Program**

There is no application or eligibility requirements (except for landlords) for the Interest Rate Reduction Program. This program provides for a reduced interest rate for a period of 3 months on the following:

1. Delinquent tax bills as of April 1, 2020 and through June 30, 2020

Interest on delinquent tax bills has been reduced to .25% per month for the months of April, May and June for any payment made during this time period.

If payment is made after June 30, 2020, interest will be restored to the statutory rate of 1.5% per month, retroactive to April 1, 2020.

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## 2. Tax Bills due July 1, 2020


The last day to pay without interest will still be August 3, 2020. However, for any payment made between August 4 and September 30, interest will be charged at .25% per month as opposed to the statutory rate of 1.5% per month. Please note that for any payment made after the grace period, interest is charged retroactive to July 1. Therefore, on August 4th interest is charged at .25% for July and .25% for August, for a total charge of .5% in August.


If payment is made after October 1, 2020, interest will be restored to the statutory rate of 1.5% per month, retroactive to July 1, 2020.

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**3 PAYMENT OPTIONS:** *(in-person transactions by appointment, only when necessary)*

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Click on **PAY TAXES NOW** box (e-check transactions are \$0.90, credit/debit card transactions incur 2.95% fee.)


 **TOWN HALL DROP BOX:**  
By placing your envelope in the Town Hall Depository drop box (located to the left of the West Hartford Town Hall main entrance.)

 **BY MAIL:**  
Return envelope enclosed.

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